

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MADRID 04325 01 OF 02 241803Z
ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W
-----041487 241818Z /43
O 211644Z APR 78
FM AMEMBASSY MADRID
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4322

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 01 OF 02 MADRID 04325

STADIS////////////////////////////////////

EXDIS

FOR DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY FOR MANAGEMENT

C O R R E C T E D C O P F O R P A R A T H R E E P A R T B

E.O. 11652 XGDS-2
TAGS: AODE, SP
SUBJECT: MODE - EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL LEVELS BY
CHIEF OF MISSION

REF: (A) STATE 90392 (B) MADRID 4049

1. I HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED MISSION PERSONNEL LEVELS
IN RELATION TO THE MODE EXERCISE. I HAVE CONSULTED
INDIVIDUALLY WITH ENIOR AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES, BUT
THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS OF US
PERSONNEL UNDER THE AMBASSADOR'S AUTHORITY ARE MINE
AND MINE ALONE.

2. DOD:

A. DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE: DAO OFFICE IS
GENEROUSLY STAFFED WITH A TOTAL OF FOURTEEN AMERICAN
POSITIONS. I BELIEVE THAT IT COULD BE REDUCED WITHOUT
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MADRID 04325 01 OF 02 241803Z

ANY IMPORTANT ADVERSE EFFECT ON ITS MISSION BY
ELIMINATING THE POSITIONS OF ASSISTANT AIR ATTACHE
AND OPERATIONS COORDINATOR. TH ASSISTANT AIR ATT
CHE
IS CONSIDERABLY UNDER-OCCUPIED AND HIS WORK COULD
EASILY BE TAKEN OVER BY THE AIR ATTACH. DURING ABSENCES
OF THE AIR ATTACHE OTHER ATTACHES AND THE COLLECTION

NCO'S SHOULD BE ABLE TO COVER.
WITH RESPECT TO THE OPERATION COORDINATOR, THAT
POSITION HAS NOW BEEN VACANT FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND IT
IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS VACANCY HAS NOT HAD A
NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE SMOOTH FUNCTIONING OF THE DAO
OFFICE. A REALIGNMENT OF FUNCTIONS IN THE DAO OFFICE
COULD HANDLE THE WORK, AS AT PRESENT.

B. MAAG: REFERENCE "B" CONTAINS MY RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR A CUT OF FOUR POSITIONS FROM MAAG AT THE BEGINNING
OF THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

C. TERRITORIAL COMMAND NET (TCN): AT THE PRESENT
MOMENT THERE ARE SEVENTEEN AMERICANS ASSIGNED TO COMPLETION
OF THIS PROJECT. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT STEPS
ARE ALREADY UNDER WAY FOR THE GRADUAL REDUCTION OF THIS
GROUP SO THAT BY OCTOBER 1, 1978, THERE WILL BE ONLY
FOUR AMERICANS LEFT. A TOTAL PHASE OUT WOULD BE
COMPLETED BY LATE 1979. THIS PHASE-OUT HAS MY APPROVAL.
AT THE SAME TIME THE MATTER WILL BE KEPT UNDER CAREFUL
REVIEW TO MAKE SURE THAT REDUCTIONS ARE CONSISTENT
WITH US OBLIGATIONS REGARDING TCN.

3. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE:

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 MADRID 04325 01 OF 02 241803Z

A. DEA: IT IS CLAR THAT THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY
OF DEA WASHINGTON IS INTERDICTION OF INTERNATIONAL
TRAFFICKING IN HEROIN. THE PRINCIPAL PROBLEM IN SPAIN
IS HASHISH. FROM MY OWN UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO INTEREST
DEA IN INCREASED ACTIVITY IN SPAIN ON HASHISH, I HAVE
CONCLUDED THAT DEA WISHES TO USE ITS RESOURCES FOR
HIGHER PRIORITY TASKS. IT IS THEREFORE MY VIEW THAT
THE DEA OFFICE LOCATED IN MADRID WITH THREE AGENTS AND
A SECRETARY IS LARGER THAN IS REQUIRED BY DEA WASHINGTON
PRIORITIES. THE AGENT IN CHARGE LEAVES SPAIN ON TRANSFER
APRIL 21 AND IT IS MY RECOMMENDATION THAT HE NOT BE
REPLACED AND THAT THE OFFICE BE REDUCED BY ONE AGENT.
THE PRESENT SIZE OF THE OFFICE WITH THREE AGENTS IS,
I REPEAT, ONLY JUSTIFIABLE IF A HIGHER PRIORITY SHOULD
BE ASSIGNED TO INTERDICTION OF HASHISH TRAFFIC.

B. LEGAL ATTACHE: THE FBI OFFICE CONSISTS OF A
SPECIAL AGENT AND ONE AMERICAN SECRETARY. THE CASE WORK-
LOAD OF THIS OFFICE AS IT RELATES TO SPAIN HAS DECLINED
SIGNIFICANTLY IN RECENT YEARS AND I SEE LITTLE JUSTIFICA-
TION FOR ITS RETENTION. I RECOMMEND THAT WHEN THE TOUR
OF THE CURRENT LEGAL ATTACHE ENDS IN SEPTEMBER 1978, THAT

THI OFFICE BE CLOSED AND THAT THE WORKLOAD BE HAN
LD
BY PERIODIC TDY ASSIGNMENTS OF OFFICERS FROM PARIS OR
ELSEWHERE. THE POLICE LIAISON FUNCTION OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE
COULD BE HANDLED BY THE REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER OF THE
MISSION, WHILE OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES COULD BE ASSUMED BY
OTHER ELEMENTS. I CANNOT, OF COURSE, COMMENT ON HOW THE
LEGAL ATTACHE'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PORTUGAL, MOROCCO AND
GIBRALTAR COULD BE HANDLED.

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MADRID 04325 02 OF 02 211656Z
ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W
-----129475 211701Z /41
O 211644Z APR 78
FM AMEMBASSY MADRID
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4323

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 02 OF 02 MADRID 04325

STADIS/////////
EXDIS

THAT THERE IS A GRADUAL PHASING OUT OF LORAN STATIONS
IN THIS AREA. THEREFORE I RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT
INQUIRE THROUGH THE COAST GUARD WHETHER IT WOULD BE
POSSIBLE EITHER TO TURN OVER THE OPERATION OF THIS
STATION ENTIRELY TO THE SPANISH OR PHASE OUT THE STATION
COMPLETELY AS WAS DONE LAST YEAR TO ANOTHER LORAN
STATION IN SPAIN.

6. THE ABOVE PROPOSED REDUCTIONS TOTAL FORTY-FOUR.
IF THEY SHOULD ALL TAKE PLACE BY THE END OF THIS YEAR
IT WOULD MEAN APPROXIMATELY 15 PERCENT REDUCTION IN
THE AUTHORIZED CEILINGS OF US PERSONNEL UNDER THE
AUTHORITY OF THE CHIEF OF MISSION. STABLER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 21 apr 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978MADRID04325
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X2
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780180-0818, D780171-0313
Format: TEL
From: MADRID
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780431/aaaabade.tel
Line Count: 162
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 121aefa9-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS, STADIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS, STADIS
Reference: 78 STATE 90392, 78 MADRID 4049
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 23 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2893720
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MODE-EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL LEVELS BY CHIEF OF MISSION
TAGS: AODE, SP
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/121aefa9-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014